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SACRAMENTO AREA CAREER WOMEN'S NETWORK INC.

THE 20TH ANNUAL

SNOW WHITE CHAMPAGNE BALL

You are invited to join in the
celebration of holiday gaiety at the
20th ANNUAL
SNOW WHITE
CHAMPAGNE BALL
Featuring Second Wind
Join us for this elegant community tradition.
Semi to Formal Dress
Privately at the Lincoln Plaza Atrium, Behind the Crocker Museum. Private, secure, underground parking.
Champagne, no-host bar, hor d'oeuvres.

Date:	**Saturday, December 7, 1996**
Place:	**Lincoln Plaza Atrium 4th and P Streets**
Time:	**From 8 p.m.**
Tickets:	**$40 In Advance $50 at the Door**

See ticket order form on inside back cover.
An event for women over 21 only.

From the Steering Committee

Can it really be the end of the year already? 1997 is fast approaching. It feels as if this coming year will be a year of transition and hopefully renewal for SACWN. Lesbian social life is clearly very different for many of us now compared to 1985 when SACWN began.

Reflecting back, SACWN was born out of a need for us to identify each other, have an alternative to the bar environment, and be able to share business leads and opportunities with other lesbians. We successfully created a network, a network of women that continues to sustain itself separate from SACWN. Women meet at SACWN, establish friendships and invest in those relationships more often than the once a month activities produced by SACWN. Friends from other circles are shared and before long the network has significantly expanded beyond the initial connection made through SACWN.

As that happens, SACWN goes on to connect new people embracing our community and spinning them off in continuous circles of friendship and connects. To do this however, SACWN still needs the support of all of the women in the ever expanding interconnection of the network. More than ever, to continue to support the lesbian community , we need the support from the lesbian community.

Over the years, SACWN has asked you, our subscribers, to tell us what you want and how best we should carry out our goal of creating a place for you to connect with and enjoy each other and our culture. We responded to those surveys with programs that you said were important.

But life has changed over the past few years. For many of us, it has gotten much more difficult. There's less time and more tasks to do to maintain the mechanics of our life. It feels at times that we don't have time for the friends we have, yet alone time to meet new people. While primary relationships may be in focus, we get together less often with others, and have less time and resources for pleasure and fun outings. How we want to spend our time is different than it was twelve years ago. And how we want to spend our time and how we do spend our time, is yet more different for each of us.

Where is SACWN in all of these changes in our member's lives? It depends. There is a core group of individuals who make SACWN a priority. But that group keeps getting smaller. For SACWN to continue, far more support is needed. This is not to say that SACWN is over, but before we get to that time, we must identify what you need today from the organization, and encourage you to consider that you have a responsibility to SACWN and to the lesbian community to insure the continued existence of the hub of your network. Times and lives change, and the presence of SACWN is insurance for us all that we can come together in times of need to connect and reconnect with each other once again through SACWN.

May we all have a happy and healthy new year.

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Special Interest Groups - November & December

Special Interest Groups, fondly called SIGs, provide a way for our subscribers to meet in a more personal setting and get to know each other while exploring a common interest.

SINGLE CONNECTION

November 9, Concert & Dinner at 7 p.m. Palms Playhouse - Ferron. Call **Jean at 756-4281** to RSVP.

November 16 will be potluck video night. Call for details. **Jean 756-4281.**

November 17 Bike Ride 1 p.m. Call **Janet 771-6832.**

On Thanksgiving, **November 28th.** Dinner at Pat's. RSVP by 11/21 to **721-9589**.

November 29, Play Day. Play miniature golf and go have pizza, bowling or movie, Come to one or all. Call **Ann 927-6038.**

November 30 - Movie, coffee and conversation. Call **Ann at 927-6038.**

Dec 14th Party - Open invitation to all SIGs. Bring drinks, dessert snack to share. Game and card party. Call **Ann 927-6038.**

December 21 - Christmas Party & Gift Exchange at **Pat's 721-9589.**

December 25th Open House at **Ann's 927-6038.**

HELLO!
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CR GROUP

Consciousness raising on 2nd and 4th Thursday 7 to 8:30 p.m.. Must be willing to make commitment to attend through end of year. RSVP to **Ann at 927-6038.**

TOP 10

There were 14 of us who had a wonderful time at the Hungry Hunter in October. This month's events will be:

Sheepherder's Inn on Saturday **November 9th at 5:00 p.m.**. Call **Julie and Diane at 783-3578** to RSVP by Nov 6th.

November 17 - Potluck meeting at 3 p.m. at **Diane & Julie's**. RSVP by November 15. Call for directions and details. **783-3578**

RAINBOW CAMPERS

Here's the schedule for the 1997 summer of camping fun.

Apr 11-13- Coloma; Joyce & Barbara 929-3074

May 16 & 17 - Sandy Beach Delta Park; Kathleen 684-3741

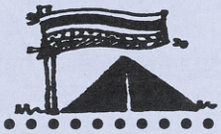
June 20 & 21 - Casini Ranch; Casey & C.J. 366-7362

July 4-6 Mt. Shasta, Scott Flats; Vicki 564-6907

August TBA Wrights Beach; Carolyn & Nancy 381-8175

Sept 20-21 Coloma; Linda & Denise 641-8565

All campers are welcome with tents, trucks, RVs, mattresses, etc.



FOUR WHEELERS

Have a four wheel drive? Join us at Prairie City State Vehicular Recreation area. All members welcome. 13300 White Rock Road, Folsom on **November 9 at 9:00 a.m.** $4 at gate. Bring your lunch and drinks for a picnic. Call **Cinder at 676-0641 or Julie at 361-9422.**

MOMS AND KIDS

The Moms Group meets for a potluck on the third Saturday of the month. We also get together for many other fun family activities during the month. And for that needed break from the kids, we feature a **"Mom's Night Out"** activity. Call **Kim,** the group facilitator at **364-8653** for information. For a newsletter and monthly activity calendar, call **Donna or Christina at 484-5696.**

WILDLIFE, BIRD WATCHING AND PHOTOGRAPHY HIKES

Call **Linda at 921-9052** to find out about the upcoming activities.

THE BOOK GROUP

The next meeting of the book group will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, **November 8** at the SACWN office. The book under discussion will be *Our Father* by Marilyn French. Future books: *Sweat* by Lucy Jane Bledsoe and the *13th Juror* by John T. Lescroart. Call **Joy at 452-5513.**

SACWN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 - POT LUCK MEET YOUR SACWN NEIGHBORS

To participate, choose a location (probably the closest to where you live), call the hostess or hostesses and RSVP as soon as possible. Ask what you should bring. Certainly, a dish to share, but depending on the home, you might need to bring a chair, place setting, or drinks.

The potlucks are for women over 21 only and will start anytime after 4 p.m. Don't forget to volunteer to clean up!

The following women have graciously agreed to be hostesses:

95616	Karen	753-6670
95630	Ellie	989-2522
95757	Mary	395-4147
95864	Marjorie	481-8164

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 THE 20TH ANNUAL SNOW WHITE BALL LINCOLN PLAZA

Celebrate our community's 20 year tradition. Join us for the SACWN Snow White Champagne Ball, a semi formal evening of luxury to remember the whole year through!

The environment at the Lincoln Plaza will make you feel so special. Holiday decor, with extra SACWN touches. Tasty food, good music and a free glass of champagne or cider when you walk in the door.

An evening to feel like a queen? Whatever! It will be an evening of wonderful memories.

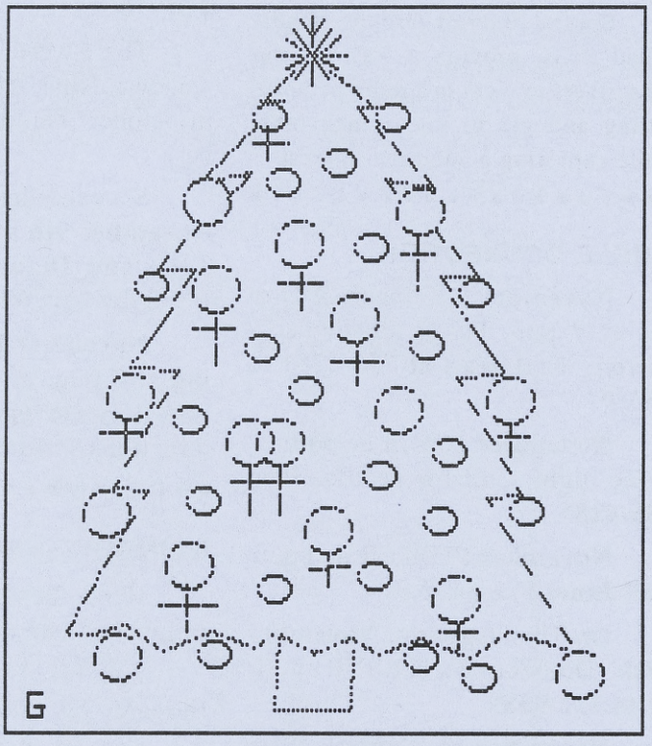
IN THE COMMUNITY

November 7 - Lesbian Support Group - Auburn's De Witt Center, 6-8 p.m. ...916/632-7080

November 10-11 - Grand Reopening of Memorial Auditorium, 16th and J Streets in Sacramento. All day entertainment. From our community, Sacramento Men's Chorus at 2:10 on Sunday and Gina Livingston at 3:15 on Monday.

November 12, 7-9 p.m. Women's Spirituality Panel: Many Paths, Sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Community Church at 3720 Folsom Boulevard. For info contact Nancy at 481-9618.

Gay and Lesbian Sierrans have activities throughout the month. Contact Nancy at 481-9618 for info.



Lambda Letters is selling Entertainment Books filled with two for one price coupons at restaurants around town. A great bargain at $40 if you like to eat out. Call Boyce at 965-6851. Lambda Letters helps people write to their representatives on issues of urgent importance. When you call, ask to be on their mailing list!

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Win Tel Enterprises, PO Box 2353, Chico, CA 95827

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Have event planning experience? Interested in part time work? Call 443-1566 to discuss.

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Building Lasting Relationships

Couple's group emphasizing solutions and growth in establishing committed long-term relationships. Meets 2xs per month. Facilitator: Melinda Facelli MFCC #MFC30351 - **783-0563**

SUCCESSFUL SACWNITE

Maureen O'Shay was born into a large family on a wheat ranch in eastern Montana. When her dad married her mother, he already had 7 daughters and one son. Maureen's younger brother was born twelve years after her.

The family moved to Minnesota when she was 3 so her siblings could get a better education. Mom had been a teacher prior to marrying and wanted more than rural Montana could provide. "Those early years put me in touch with basic values and the importance of people, family and serenity."

Her dad retired when she was twelve and the family moved back to Montana where she finished high school. "I was raised with a strong fundamental religious upbringing and went away to college to escape it." Maureen graduated from the University of Washington at Seattle with a BS in Occupational Therapy, Phi Beta Kappa Magna Cum Laude.

"I met my husband in college and was married for 21 years. Looking back on those years, I had hints that I was a lesbian, but kept denying my sexuality because of my early upbringing. The unhappier I became in the marriage, the stronger the hints became. I knew that the real me would die if I stayed in that marriage, but I didn't know who the real me was."

During the marriage, two children were adopted. Her daughter, now 24, is getting her degree in early childhood education. Her son, 20, is very severely developmentally delayed.

"Music has always been a thread in my life, from church music to the present. I played the piano, saxophone and sang as a child and then after coming out, I joined "Sister Guido and the Bail Bonds", a lesbian harmony quintet.

"I worked as an occupational therapist for about ten years, both before the children and after the marriage. But with the current system of managed care and the challenges in skilled nursing facilities, I became more physically and emotionally drained by the work. In casting about for a new career, I became aware of having the skills to be a realtor. I realized it gave me the connection with people I liked, allowed me to provide a service and use my organizational skills. I got my license on July 31 of 1996." Maureen has "listed" and "brought the buyer" on her first house already.

"I love the field- I value the independence and freedom. I know the market is in recovery, there's a dynamite future ahead. When you love what you do and the environment is right, then the formula for success is there!"

Maureen's employment transition was made possible with the support of her partner of three years, Colleen. "When we met, we were friends first. Neither of us was ready for a relationship. Our trust and sense of safety and compatibility grew first with all of the walls down, because we weren't dating. We got to know each other at a deeper level as we fell in love. Of course, both of us having an Irish sense of humor helped a lot, too!"

"My parents died shortly after I left my husband and that freed me to start exploring who I was. Without the heavy religious burden I could look at myself as a lesbian. It was through therapy and a dream that I came out to myself. I knew it was true, but I thought my life was over, now I know life was just beginning.

"In therapy I was able to say that I loved myself and this self acceptance before I came out gave me the strength to accept all of me and who I am. I am so thankful for the ability to experience the wonderful balance and intimacy in my relationship."

What is success to Maureen? "Success is believing that you deserve good things to happen and keeping a positive outlook on life, while you take advantage of the opportunities that become available. Then I give thanks to the universe!"

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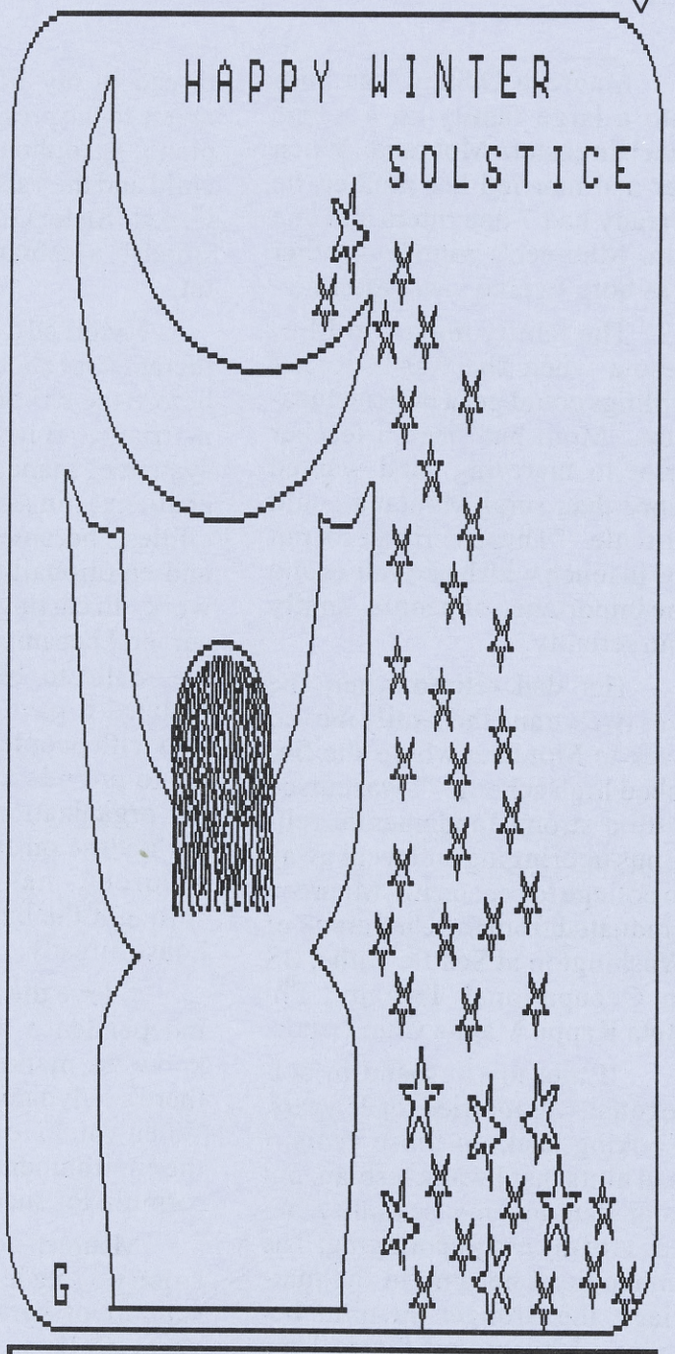

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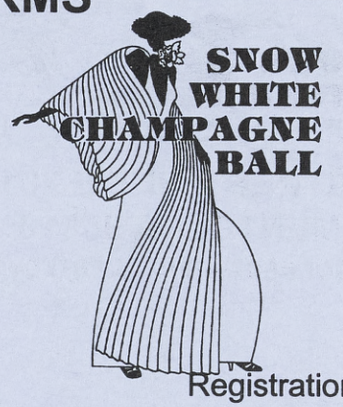

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For information, **call 451-8034.**

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